

CHAPTER

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The castle of Diernstein — Richard Ounir de Lion and Marshal Lai The Emperor at the gates of Vienna— The Archduchess Maria L<> Facility of correspondence with England — Sinu^linjj; in Hum! Brown sugar and sand — Hearses filled with sn^ar and eoOVc — lOn on the publication of news — Supervision of the /htmbur;/C.W/vs/>* — Festival of Saint Napoleon — Ecclesiastical adulation The K n# of Westphalia's journey through his States — Attempt to raise a i KUJ — Jerome's present to me — The present returned — Bonaparte's unfounded suspicions.

j who during the campaign of Vienna had resumed his duties as *aide de camp*, related to inn one of those observations of Napoleon which, when his words aw compared with the events that followed them, seem to indicate a foresight, into his future destiny. When within some days' inarch of Vienna the Emperor procured a guide to explain to him every village and ruin which he observed on the road. The guide pointed to an eminence, on which were a few decayed vestiges of an old fortified castle. "Those," said (he guide, "are the, ruins of the castle of Diernstein." Napoleon suddenly stopped, and stood for some time silently contemplating the ruins, then turning to Lannes, who was with him, he said, "See! yonder is the prison of Richard (!u*ur de Lion. He, like us, went to Syria and Palestine. But, my brave Lannes, the. Occur de Lion was not braver than you. lie was more fortunate than T at St. Jean d'Aere. A Duke of Austria snld him to an Emperor of Germany, who imprisoned him in that castle. Those were the days of barbarism. How different from the civilization of modern times! Europe has seen how I treated the Emperor of Austria, whom I might, have made prisoner — and I would treat hint so again. I claim no credit for this. In the, present age crowned heads must be respected. A conqueror imprisoned !"